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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2,5,8,11,17 and 19-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2,5,8,11,17 and 19-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

RESPONSE TO AMENDMENT

1. This communication is responsive to the Request for Continued Examination received on June 13, 2005. Claims 2, 5, 8, 11, 17, and 21 have been amended. Claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9-10, 12-16, 18, and 22-29 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 5, 8, 11, 17, and 19-21 remain for further examination. Applicants' argument with respect to claims 2, 5, 8, 11, 17, and 19-21 have been fully considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 2, 5, 8, 11, 17, and 19-21, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Hagan et al.**, (Hagan) U.S. Patent No. **6,734,886**.

4. As to claim 2, Hagan teaches a Web page transmission system comprising:

A storage device for storing, when user-specific information is classified into a plurality of groups, group-specific Web pages to be browsed, and registered user information regarding registered users who browse the Web pages (see col. 6, lines 14-

30, the web site includes a series of databases for storing customized Web pages and user information);

a Web page generating unit for selecting one of the group-specific Web pages, in response to a request for browsing the Web page from the registered user, the group-specific Web page being selected based on ranking information included in the registered user information (see Fig. 6 and 9, col. 12, lines 13-27; group-specific Web pages are selected based on medical codes of individuals included in the user database); and

a server unit for providing the group-specific Web page to the user, wherein the server provides the same group-specific web pages to each user having the same ranking information directly from the storage device without further customization (see col. 12, lines 13-27; users with the same medical code are provided with the same group-specific Web pages directly from storage).

5. As to claim 5, Hagan teaches a Web page transmission method comprising:

prestoring in a storage device, when user-specific information is classified into a plurality of groups, group-specific Web pages to be browsed, and registered user information regarding registered users who browse the Web pages (see col. 6, lines 14-30, the web site includes a series of databases for storing customized Web pages and user information);

selecting one of the group-specific Web pages, in response to a request for browsing the Web page from a registered user, the group-specific Web page being selected based on ranking information included in the registered user information (see

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Fig. 6 and 9, col. 12, lines 13-27; group-specific Web pages are selected based on medical codes of individuals included in the user database); and

providing the group-specific Web page to the user, having been selected, to the user, wherein the same group-specific web pages is provided to each user having the same ranking information directly from the storage device without further customization (see col. 12, lines 13-27; users with the same medical code are provided with the same group-specific Web pages directly from storage).

6. As to claim 8, Hagan teaches a Web page transmission method comprising:

Accessing a storage device, when user-specific information is classified into a plurality of groups, group-specific Web pages to be browsed, and registered user information regarding registered users who browse the Web pages (see col. 6, lines 14-30, the web site accesses a series of databases that contain customized Web pages and user information);

selecting one of the group-specific Web pages, in response to a request for browsing the Web page from a registered user, the group-specific Web page being selected based on ranking information included in the registered user information (see Fig. 6 and 9, col. 12, lines 13-27; group-specific Web pages are selected based on medical codes of individuals included in the user database); and

providing the group-specific Web page to the user, having been selected, to the user, wherein the same group-specific web pages is provided to each user having the same ranking information directly from the storage device without further customization

(see col. 12, lines 13-27; users with the same medical code are provided with the same group-specific Web pages directly from storage).

7. As to claims 11, Hagan teaches the Web page transmission system according to claim 2, wherein the users have pre-registered on the server in order to receive the group-specific Web pages (see fig. 1 and 6; users register beforehand in order to obtain customized Web pages).

8. As to claim 17, Hagan teaches the Web page transmission system according to claim 2, wherein the user information is selected from the group consisting of user names, user addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, user codes, passwords, and rank information (see col. 7, lines 33-38)

9. As to claim 19, Hagan teaches the Web page transmission system according to claim 2, wherein users of the same group share the same user-specific information (see col. 14, lines 46-60; the same group share the same medical code).

10. As to claim 20, Hagan teaches the Web page transmission system according to claim 2, wherein the storage device stores Web pages corresponding to the number of groups (see col. 14, lines 46-60; the site contains customized Web pages for each group of users).

11. As to claim 21, Hagan teaches the Web page transmission system according to claim 2, wherein the generating unit selects a Web page for a corresponding group from the storage device and uses it as a user-specific Web page (see Fig. 6 and 9; col. 12, lines 13-27).

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shawki S Ismail whose telephone number is 571-272-3985. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 - 5:00.

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